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Subject: CHERNIAVSKY Viktor C

Source: Myhul, Ivan of New York, N.Y.

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1. On 18 Dec 1966 Source met with Subject from 18.00 to 19.00 hrs at a bar at 96th Street and Broadway in New York, N.Y. as they had agreed upon at Drach's and Pavlychko's poetry reading at Columbia. Following is the gist of their conversation.

2. Subject prophesized a very great future for Drach, Ivan and already saw him as another Tychyna. Pavlychko Dmytro was also a talented man but he doubted he would ever arise to Drach's level.

3. Subject ^{read} "Ukrainian Nationalism" by Armstrong and thought it was not too bad a book except for its anti-Soviet features. On this occasion Subject wanted to get as much information as possible from Source on who was Armstrong, who were other Sovietologists in the States and particularly those who were concerned with Ukrainian affairs. Subject also wanted to know what new books had appeared lately in this field. He also asked about Ukrainian publications that would be worth reading. Subject claimed to know nothing about "The Problems of Communism".

4. According to Subject the whole matter of Russification and Ukrainization was out of proper perspective because what counted was economic and scientific progress on which the Soviet Ukraine had to concentrate ^{and nothing else}. In this and other fields Ukraine was in need of a great many scientific cadres of all sorts and emigration should contribute its share to the nation in this respect.

5. In Subject's view the nationalist emigration was on the verge of complete disintegration and nothing will be able to save it. It's ^{time} the young people take over the leadership and orient ~~the~~ themselves on developments in the Ukraine.

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6. Subject complained about their own extremists in Kiev whom he identified with Stalinists. He compared them with emigre banderivtsi and Dobriansky, Leo.

Subject also mentioned that his "article" on Drach's and Pavlychko's performance was "rather shortened" in Kiev.

7. In summer 1966 subject had to go suddenly to Kiev because his father died.

8. Subject wanted to know first name of Mysko, and asked Spurge for "Mein Kampf" in Ukrainian or Russian. He also wanted to have some books by Arzhak and Tertz.

(N.B. Subject was given : Ishupleniye by Arzhak,
Ruki, Chelovek iz Minapa by Arzhak, and Lubimov by Tertz,)

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